



But very little snow fell at Cincinnati Tuesday night, but in the central and Southern part of this State it was reported to be very heavy.

The saloons of New York, numbering ten thousand, take in \$220,000 a day. The saloons of New York furnish a daily income of about \$300,000.

For the week ending January 30th, the issue of standard silver dollars amounted to \$140,561, against \$105,408 for the corresponding period last year.

THERE were 54,080,050 bushels of wheat in this country and Canada at the close of last week, a decrease of over 800,000 bushels compared with the previous week.

Lexington wants the State capital real bad, some of her patriotic and public spirited citizens should go to work and see what inducements they can extend to secure the prize.

A Signal Service Station has been established at Lexington. But one thing now is lacking to make Lexington's cup of happiness overflow—the State capital. We're not caring much, either, how soon it runs over.

SPEAKING of the removal of the State capital, why isn't Winchester a good place to take it to? It is growing fast and it is as much of a railroad center as any town in the State. Clark County could afford to erect the buildings and donate them to the State.

OPPOSITION to the new bridge to connect Covington and Cincinnati is rapidly dying out. As the people of Covington are not asked to contribute a cent to its construction they do not see why they should oppose it.—[Covington Commonweal.]

THE Manufacturers' Record of Baltimore in speaking of the progress made by the South the past year utters these words: "It is to the railroads that very much of this wonderful advance is due, and upon the railroads must depend the future growth of the South."

LOUISVILLE seems determined to get rid of her gamblers. The prosecutions which were urged against them by the law and order league have landed a number of them behind the bars where they are serving out fines, the law banks and poker rooms have been closed, and now somebody has gone to shooting the poor fellows. John B. Macy one of the "boys" was just dead on the streets there recently at 2 o'clock in the morning with a bullet through his head. Robbery, however, was the object his assassins had in view.

#### Read and Consider Well.

One of the great mistakes of some of the Southern States is the almost open hostility to railroads, a hostility that has produced the most unjust laws, which practically take the control of railroads entirely away from their owners and place it in the hands of an irresponsible commission. The South needs capital, it needs more railroads, and it should offer the strongest inducements to those having money to invest to put their money into railroads and other enterprises that contribute to the development of the resources of that section. Unfortunately, instead of doing this, it gives in some cases little or no encouragement to outside capitalists, and much of its legislation is even calculated to discourage those who are inclined to invest in the South.—[Baltimore Manufacturers' Record.]

THE Legislature has already repealed the fish law, and it is now about to repeal the act establishing the geological survey. The members, perhaps, realize that they have to do something, and so they go to work and take away the only law provided for keeping the streams of the State well stocked with fish, and that too in face of the fact that the Government had gone to considerable expense to stock many of these streams. They want to add to their good work, now, by repealing the act establishing the geological survey. The correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer, in alluding to this, says: "If passed it will be a death blow to progress in Kentucky. Nearly every thing that has been done toward the development of the State in the last ten years has been done by this department, and it seems to be a suicidal policy to abolish it. The superintendent of the survey is in England now conferring with English capitalists in regard to building railroads through the coal regions of the mountains, and to an outsider it looks like Kentucky's legislators want every thing else but progress and prosperity." The act has passed the Senate, but it is to be hoped that the members of the House will vote it down. It seems like the average Kentucky legislator can't see a great way ahead, and looks only to the present. If a bill doesn't bring about immediate good, he takes it for granted that it should be repealed and therein makes a mistake.

## IRISH INDEPENDENCE.

IT WILL NEVER COME TO PASS WITH VICTORIA'S SANCTION.

No Matter How Remote the Time, the Old Lady Will Not Consent for a Moment, the Idea of Ireland Being Free. The Mystery of Gladstone's Gaiety.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—It is now positively known that Mr. Gladstone received absolutely no command from the queen to construct a new government until he waited on her majesty at Osborne. Mr. Goschen's decision which he formed last Friday not to intervene on behalf of the Whig followers in the pending crises, left the queen in a position where she was herself constrained to state plainly to Mr. Gladstone the conditions upon which she would consent to his resuming the premiership. Ireland throughout the present emergency her majesty has given proof of the same feeling to all the power of the royal prerogative which she displayed in the similar crisis last spring, when she compelled both Mr. Gladstone and Lord Salisbury to make the mutual concessions which enabled the latter to take office. In the audience given to Mr. Gladstone her majesty said that she was resolutely opposed to any tendency toward Irish independence, no matter how remote the time for the consummation of the scheme might be. Everything hinges on Mr. Gladstone. He admits that he went to Osborne without having formulated a plan for dealing with the Irish question and he states today that he still has none ready, but he is confident, almost gay, in the belief that he will be able to satisfy everybody. Nothing like it has been seen since the dark days of the American republic which shadowed the beginning of President Lincoln's administration in 1861, when Secretary Seward gave six weeks to the queen to live. With equal trust and confidence Mr. Gladstone now faces the most threatening crisis of English history in the present reign of solemn promises that all the swarming dangers shall be averted. He stands alone and on his own feet. Not one of the candidates for a seat in his cabinet has been consulted about the possible settlement of the Irish question. All stand with closed lips and open mouths waiting for what Gladstone may say.

#### The Pope's Visit Away.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—A dispatch from Rome says: "While the pope was transacting business with Cardinal Ferrier, he suddenly fell from his chair in a dead faint. An examination showed that he was suffering from syncope. His attendants rushed in and opened his eyes, but he was lying there, his head resting on his hand, and he recovered."

#### \$500,000 Fire.

MANGERS, Feb. 4.—A disastrous fire broke out in a massive business structure and before the flames could be extinguished the premises were entirely gutted. The building was occupied by Messrs. Hamilton & Co., Patton & Co. and Pook & Co. The loss will reach over \$500,000.

#### Ferished in the Flames.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 4.—A fire in a draper's shop at Maastricht last evening spread so rapidly that the escape of three of the employees, a woman and two children, was cut off and they were overtaken by the flames and burned to death.

#### SENSATIONAL.

The Conference Committee—Cincinnati Police Commissioners United.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 4.—The conference committee resumed its labors. The morning was spent in a dispute as to what had been agreed upon at previous meetings, and the result was that there was little real progress. There seems to be considerable outside influence at work trying to prevent an agreement, but the general disposition seems to be favorable to peace.

Governor Foraker has just promulgated orders abolishing the Cincinnati police commissioners. His reasons therefor are substantially those set forth in the petition sent from Cincinnati, stress being laid upon the fact that the commissioners have hired as policemen Mike Mullen, notorious bank scooters and other, known to the governor to be totally unfit for the position. The commissioners removed are Julius Reis and Morton L. Hawkins, Democrats, and Wm. H. Stevens, Republican.

#### BURGLES KILLED.

Caught Cracking—Chased Off—The Pursuit—No Surrender—Killed.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 4.—The two burglars who attempted to rob the store of James Hays, at Glenmary, Tenn., have been killed. Friday night Hays was awakened by hearing the strokes of a hammer blow, and saw three men attempting to crack his safe. He fired into them and they returned the fire. Hays was wounded. The burglars fled, and though Hays' clothes were perforated he escaped injury. Afterwards he heard that the gang was in camp, thirty miles from Glenmary, in a gorge along the line of the Cincinnati Southern railroad. Hays summoned a posse and started in pursuit. He found them sitting behind a stump fire, and at once ordered them to surrender. Two threw up their hands, but the third, reached for a weapon and was shot. The other two then fled. One was wounded and jumped from a high bluff into Emory river, fully one hundred feet deep, and was drowned. The other escaped. The men were well dressed, wore fine jewelry and seemed in good circumstances. There is no clue to their identity, but it is thought they were experienced cracksmen and artistic characters.

#### "GRATITUDE."

A Man Marries. His Nurse Who Turns Out to be a Thief.—TOLEDO, O., Feb. 4.—In July last George W. Phillips, a wealthy commission merchant of Chicago, married a handsome woman here who had nursed him when he was sick at his Chicago hotel. He knew nothing about her except what she had told him. Phillips, according to an officer, came here in search of his wife whom he reported

had fled from his home with George H. Price whom she had married several years before she met Phillips. She took with her \$10,000 in cash which she had secured from Phillips. The couple were traced to the St. James hotel, but she had gone when Phillips got there.

Rice went several days ago and Mrs. Phillips has left the hotel. Her trunk is still at the hotel and it is probable that she will be caught before she can leave the city. She was being boarded at the St. James several weeks with her former husband. Phillips will prosecute the search vigorously.

#### JACK DEMPSEY VICTORIOUS.

A Desperate Kid Gave Encounter—A Broken Nose and Lots of Blood.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—A terrible kid glove fight took place between Jack Dempsey, of New York, and John Fogarty, of Philadelphia. Fogarty fought desperately but was unable to withstand the heavy blows dealt by Dempsey and in the twenty seventh round his seconds threw up the sponge.

Fogarty, whose nose was broken in the sixteenth round, was terribly punished and was covered with blood when taken from the ring. Dempsey showed few signs of fatigue, handling the fight easily for forty-seven minutes, and was for \$5,000 aside.

#### Massachusetts Press.

BOSTON, Feb. 4.—The annual reunion of the Massachusetts Press associations was held at the United States Hotel. The old officers were elected with the exception of W. S. Lewis, of the Holyoke Transcript, president, who declined reelection, and George M. Whitaker, of the South Bridge Tribune, was chosen in his stead. The following delegates were elected to represent the association at the national convention: G. M. Whitaker, L. E. Dailley, Francis Foster, J. A. Clark, Geo. T. Newhall.

#### Dissatisfied Underwriters.

BOSTON, Feb. 4.—A committee representing dissatisfied underwriters waited upon Mayor O'Brien and represented that losses by fire in Boston during the past few years were from 2 to 250 per cent greater than they were during the period of 1875-8. No direct charges were made, but it is understood that the mayor and the authorities agreed in the opinion that fault is with the fire commissions.

#### The Frigate Damaged Again.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 4.—The British steamship "Frigate," a Russian ship, was again crushed in by ice in her port bow. Capt. Graham sent the pumps to work and got the vessel back to port. The cargo will be discharged and she will go on the ways for repairs. The frigate was damaged by ice last week and had just been repaired.

#### Fired for \$120,000.

HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 4.—George L. Porter, wholesale grocer, made an assignment to George L. Fitzgerald, his chief clerk, for the benefit of his creditors, the liabilities \$120,000; assets \$114,000. The immediate cause was traced to the recent failure of the city bank and the unusual hard times at this season of the year.

#### An Ice Cold Bath.

SALISBURY, Mass., Feb. 4.—At the pumping station, Wampanoag lake yesterday, fifteen men were detaching ice blocks, when the ice on which they were standing broke and let them into the water. They grappled the solid ice and hung there, up to their necks in water until they were rescued. Many were badly chilled. There were several very narrow escapes.

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All Wool 42 in. Black Satin, 75c, former price	1.25
All Wool 42 in. Black Gilette, 90c, former price	1.25
All Wool 64 1/2 Tricots, 75c, former price	.60
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